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With cuts in college assistance on the way, many students fight back to protect their support.

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Senate Approves Budgets, Veto Expected

By Kate Kalamaja

For the first time in several years, the Student Senate passed the Student Activities Budget Commission's (SABC) final budget allocation as a resolution, not as a motion on the floor. Student President/Regent Justin Peterson indicated that he would veto the budget, which would cause it to come up for Senate review again.

Discussion among the senators on all but one of the budgets was kept to a minimum, compared to past final budget hearings.

The majority of the discussion concerned the proposed budget of \$11,900 for the Women's Resource Center.

SABC is made up of students, faculty and staff members who review the budgets for Fund A student fee users.

The Fund A budgets include Student Programming Organization (SPO), the Gateway, WRC, American Multicultural Students (AMS), International Student Services (ISS), Student Government and Disabled Student Agency (DSA).

Each agency has a total amount of money in its budget. In turn, that total money is divided into different areas where the money is allocated. One of those areas for WRC is the work study.

Student President/Regent Justin Peterson presented a motion to cut the \$1,400 set aside for work study for WRC.

Work study will help WRC have longer hours and more people to get things accom-

plished, said Sen. Danielle Jensen.

able amount of money left in the contingency

fund, since it is an important part of the bud-

Contingency fund is a roll-over account for agencies' emergencies or for expenditures. The budget for contingency stands at \$3,569.

"Several agencies have come and asked for increases, some of which have not done muchallyear,"Peterson said. "We do need to trim this budget in certain areas, and if not there (WRC work study), then we need to do it in other areas."

Peterson said organizations shouldn't receive huge increases when there is a drop in enrollment.

Sen. Earnest Carter said WRC shouldn't get

"WRC affects more of the student body than any other agency," Sen. Carter said. "There are many other things WRC could do if they had the time, the experience, the man power and the

The purpose for contingency is for unex-Peterson said there needs to be an accept- pected things which may crop up. The money may not be needed, he said.

> "Why can't Student Government tighten its belt, take a little bit less in contingency, and leave more money for an organization that has the potential to help that 53 or 54 percent of the student body?" Sen. Carter said.

Sen.Annette Crowder, a former agency director, said unless a person

"There are options,"

FINAL BUDGET ALLOCATION: Gateway (\$1.81 per student) \$61,655.84 SPO (\$2.63 per student)

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CCLR Stand Questioned Before the Student Senate discussed fina budget allocations of the Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) at a March 16 meeting, Student President/Regent Justin Peterson gave his report.

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she said. "I'm not saying we'renothurting, buttrust me, we will get the money."

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ent public officials. Peterson said Theisen was not going to Washington for CCLR, but for other reasons

Director of the Council for Community

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At a March 2 Senate meeting Peterson said

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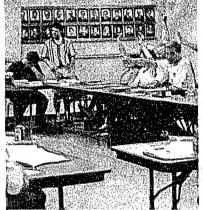
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The Student Senate approved Fund A user budgets at its meeting March 16.

Graduate School: In Search Of Higher Education, Jobs

By Susan McElligott

Students interested in applying to graduate school were urged to plan ahead and to be informed consumers at a recent graduate school seminar at UNO, sponsored by Career Planning and Placement Services (CPPS).

"A graduate school decision is a career decision," said Nancy Nish, director of CPPS.

There are many things a student should do to prepare for graduate school, she said.

One of the first things to do is ask yourself why you want to earn a master's degree, said Carla Frakes, manager of the graduate studies and research office. Good reasons include career advancement, increased earning power and academic interest.

Many individuals go to graduate school for the wrong reasons, Nish said. Some go to please others, to avoid the job market or because they have no idea what they want to do.

"Don't go to graduate school by default," she said.

The next step is to look into different graduate programs and decide which one is right for your needs, said Rosalie Saltzman, coordinator of UNO's Honors Program. The most advanced degree a person earns will be the most influential, she said.

Saltzman suggested students read different business publications that rank the country's graduate programs and talk to faculty who specialize in their area of interest.

Nish suggested that students looking for the right graduate program visit CPPS for information about graduate schools and attend graduate

school fairs. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has one every fall, she said.

Frakes advised students to call the university they're interested in to inquire about the graduate program before applying.

'See if there's a fit between what you're looking for and what they offer," she said.

Deciding on a graduate program is only half the battle. Convincing the program directors to accept you is another part.

For starters, applicants should have at least a 3.0 grade-point average in their major field of undergraduate study, Frakes said. Students should also have letters of recommendation and good scores on the standardized tests required for admission into many programs. Work experience in the field is also helpful, she said.

Contact the school you're interested in and find out what is specifically required for admission, she said. Requirements often include completing an application, submitting undergraduate transcripts and paying a fee.

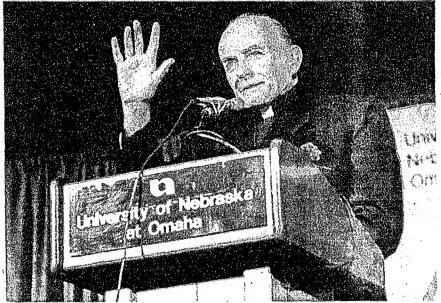
Frakes recommended applying at least four months in advance.

"They look at everything you submit as a whole," said Alexandra Kaczmarek, graduate adviser in the College of Business Administration. She recommended that applicants use a letter of introduction to make a strong impres-

"Don't repeat what they can find in the other information you send," she said. "Tell what you're like as an individual."

To gain acceptance into a graduate program, most applicants must first take a standardized

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The Rev. Andrew Greeley spoke at the ABC Breakfast Friday.

Greeley Offers His Views on God

By Andy Ryba

He is known for his steamy sex scene novels and his openly stated portrayals of what or who God is: Some would say he is controversial, others would say he's honest and realistic.

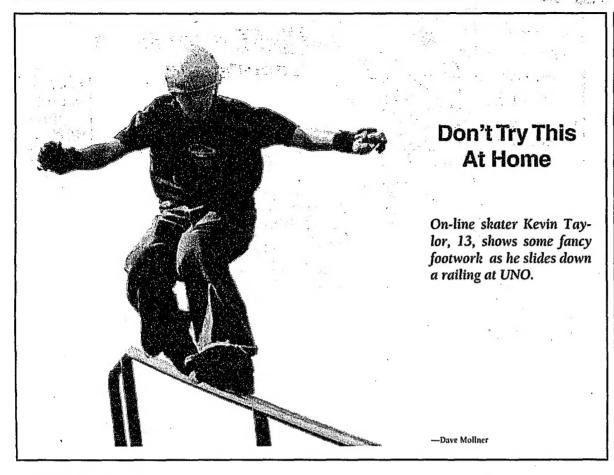
The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley, respected scholar, sociologist and author of 21 bestselling novels, spoke at the UNO Academy, Business and Community (ABC) Breakfast on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Central.

Greeley, a commentator and analyst for the New York Times and Time magazine, is quoted in numerous articles about popular culture, sociology, religion and education.

Greeley, who also teaches at the University of Arizona and the University of Chicago, spoke about the image of God in the movies. He said that throughout the Bible, God is compared to many things: father, mother, friend, lover, spouse and king.

Film makers today portray God in a way that has some reference to the population, Greeley said. He said that many times God is depicted as a woman because it is an appealing metaphor to have God as a sympathetic,

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UNO Students React to Recent Outbreak of Shootings in Omaha

By Jonathan Murnane

Many students were lucky enough to go out of town during spring break, but not everyone was able to escape the problem that is beginning to plague Omaha: violence.

This past week saw murders and shootings all over Omaha. Shootings in West Omaha and North Omaha led to two deaths and two hospitalizations. Shots were also fired in South Omaha and at the Westroads Mall.

Police tape blocked off a West Omaha neighborhood Thursday afternoon. Police cars and camera crews swarmed the scene as the search for the suspect of a multiple shooting continued.

Mark Pusch, 15, allegedly shot his mother, Beverly Pusch, and wounded his sister, Michelle. Michelle Pusch remains in critical condition, according to an *Omaha World-Herald* article.

Mark fled the scene with his younger brother, Matthew, in his parents' truck. Police later apprehended the two at a friend's home in Fremont after the truck ran out of gas.

Published reports said that Mark is expected to be tried as an adult later this week.

UNO junior Brook Hoy, who lives in the same neighborhood as the shootings, said the area has become a "spectacle."

The FBI questioned many of the residents and told them to stay in their homes. Hoy said that when he arrived home at 8 p.m. the area was still blocked off.

"Omaha is almost at the same level as L.A. and New York in terms of violence," Hoy said. "It's progressively getting worse."

An argument over a car blocking the street led to another killing Friday afternoon. Harold Williams was shot four times and died on the scene. James Penny was in critical condition on Friday. Gregory Matthies was arrested for the shootings.

Shots were fired at the Westroads Mall Saturday at about 3:20 p.m. An 18-year-old man was held for the shooting, as well for suspicion of disorderly conduct and possession of a firearm.

UNO junior Rachel Schmidt was at the mall when the shootings occurred.

"I walked out the doors and saw the yellow 'police line do not cross' tape across the doors and around some cars," Schmidt said.

There were several police cars and some guys with video cameras standing around. I asked one what happened and he said that there was a shooting."

Schmidt said she was "a little apprehensive," knowing she was in the vicinity of shots being fired.

"It's scary," she said, "Omaha is becoming more and more violent. It's a slow process, but we are well on our way to shootings and murders happening everyday."

Freshman Brian McFayden was startled when he heard shots outside his apartment building near 72nd and Grover Streets on Saturday.

"I ran to the window and saw a car and two more shots came out," he said.

McFayden lived in Texas before moving to Omaha and said the violence there was considerably worse.

"There were so many more murders in Houston," he said. "You became more and more desensitized to it."

McFayden said that despite the difference, "Omaha is catching up to it."

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tender and loving woman.

Greeley gave more examples of other movie interpreta-

Greeley added that women are also more patient, which gives them a "God-like" characteristic.

Greeley cited an example in Bob Fosse's "All that Jazz."

He described how the movie portrays God as a beautiful,

He described how the movie portrays God as a beautiful, aroused, yet vulnerable, female lover named Angelique (Jessica Lange) who waits for the main character, Joe Gideon, as he lay dying.

"Should there be a God," Greeley said, "she better be a lot more gorgeous than Jessica Lange."

Greeley also alluded to several Biblical references in which God is compared to an aroused lover waiting to make love to His people.

Greeley went on to discuss the movie "Oh, God."

"A light-weight film with a thin message," Greeley said.
"That message being: God has given us many gifts and we can live together in peace only if we work together."

Greeley gave more examples of other movie interpretations such as "Mr. Destiny," "Always," "Jacob's Ladder" and "Flatliners," in which God is portrayed as a bartender, an older woman, a healing chiropractor and a magnificent white light.

Greeley said that one of the few movies to portray God as a harsh judge is "The Rapture."

In this movie, "God is a God of darkness rather than a God of light, an awesome and fundamentalist God who plays tricks and enforces the rules rigidly... eager to send people to hell," he said.

Greeley said that ultimately the imagery of God comes from the Bible as being loving, caring and beautiful.

Greeley entertained questions at the end of his speech and was asked about his position regarding the criticism about Senator Bob Kerrey's his acceptance of communion in the Catholic Church, according to recent new reports.

Greeley said that no one, not even non-Catholics such as Sen. Kerrey, should be turned away at the communion rail.

NEWS bits

Students Compile Calorie Counting Cookbook

Interested in cutting calories?

Students in the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences have compiled a low-calorie cookbook that is on sale on campus.

Copies of "Healthy, Hearty and Delicious-Recipies for Health Living."

The Student Dietetic Association put the book together using 95 donated recipes.

Recipes are broken down into calories, sodium, protein, fat cholesterol and carbohydrates for the health conscious.

Books are \$5 and can be picked up in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 108. Proceeds from the book's sale will go to the Omaha Shelter for the Homeless.

Rosenberg to Be Honored For Book With Reception

UNO Friends of Art will honor Martin Rosenberg, professor of art and art history, for the publishing of his book, Raphael and France: The Artist as Paragdigm and Symbol.

A reception for Rosenberg will take place today from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, Room 331.

UNO Students, Employees Eligible for Eye Exam Discount

UNO employees and students can take advantage of a discounted eye exam during March and April through the Med Center's University Medical Associates Eye Specialties.

The exam costs \$35 and full payment is required at the time of service. Call 559-4063 to schedule an appointment.

Kurz Honored as Child Care Provider

Scott Kurz of UNO's Child Care Center is one of 10 recipients for the Women's Fund of Greater Omaha Outstanding Child Care Provider Award.

Kurz, who has worked at the center for the past four years, was one of four UNO teachers to be nominated for the award. He was selected from an initial group of 250 nominees.

Interfaith Breakfast Slated for April 14

The Interfaith Breakfast will take place April 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The speaker will be the Rev. Phil Owen, who is in his first year of campus ministry at UNO.

Tickets are \$5.50 are available through April 11. Contact Ruth Manning at 554-2243 or the University Religious Center at 559-6737 for tickets.

Library Friends Present Lewis and Clark Journals

The UNO University Library Friends will present "Lewis and Clark: Journals, Editors, Editions" today at 7 p.m. in the Library, Room 205.

Gary Moulton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor of history and editor of the *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, will discuss the diary entries of expedition personnel to provide insight into the 1803-1804 expedition of the trans-Mississippi region.

Hejkal to Present RK Seminar at UNO

Dr. Thomas Hejkal of the University Medical Associates Eye Specialties will present a seminar on radial keratotomy for UNO employees and students on April 13 at 5 p.m. at the UNO Alumni House.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Pollution Not Just For Large Countries

Environmental problems are not only present in large industrial countries such as the United States. Just as damaging to the ecology, are the waste-disposal practices of developing nations.

The major cause of pollution in developing countries is waste disposal. Urban production generates waste through household life and movement. There are four interrelated concerns with regard to urban waste disposal; drainage in urban area, sewage, solid waste disposal and hazardous waste disposal.

The situation with regard to all four concerns are worsening in cities in developing countries. It is estimated that 720 million tons of urban solid waste is generated annually, 440 tons of which are produced in developing countries. It is expected that waste will increase five times over in developing cities due to the inadequate disposal and decline of existing waste-removal systems.

Along with the growing problem of waste disposal, increasing attention is being paid to noise



Tugba Kalafatoalu

pollution in developing urban areas due to traffic and construction. Prolonged exposure to high noise levels can lead to hearing loss and other health prob-

Yet another environmental concern is the use of land by developing countries in rapid urbanization. Misguided planning and architectural forms can cause problems with drainage, transportation and high service costs.

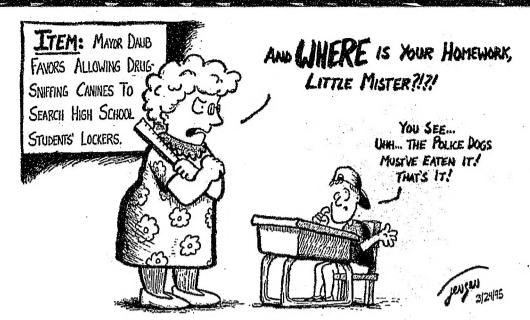
So what's the solution to all these overwhelming problems?

The real problem is the governments of these developing countries simply lack the political will to deal with environmental controls. Their concerns are focused on growth much more than ecological legislation and regulations.

The issues will finally gain support when they become more political in nature, as is starting to happen in eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Another scenario for changes in policy to happen is when the monetary costs of environmental neglect becomes apparent to these developing countries.

The best way to bring about these changes about is to build support at the local level. When this occurs, area institutions will cooperate with building a suitable ecosystem. Right now, many private firms are realizing that evironmental concerns can be a commerical advantage to them and are taking positive steps in this area. This brings pressure to other private groups, as well as the state. After enough time, these interests become entrenched, maintaining a favorable status.

It is only when such things happen that a government will take appropriate steps in the right direction.



Policing the Nation: Citizens Act

Some people out there watch way too much late night TV. You know, the B-movies about life after the year 2000 barbarians, Armageddon, the usual. Here's the proof: People all over the country are forming militia groups for community

And what's a militia group, you ask? Well, it appears to be a group of people, anywhere from a few to a few hundred, who are organized to protect their particular plot of land in the world. They plan to protect against everything from vandals to a hostile takeover by a military power. Oh, and did I forget to mention they like to carry around machine guns, too?

You might not know it, but these militia groups are slowly taking root all across America, in places from Miami to Minnesota. They keep showing up in the news, the papers, and on the Net (keep an eye on the Internet to learn new things, but let the reader beware). The stories aren't front page breakthroughs, but they are there.

Now, here's the basic schpiel militia leaders gives to explain their groups: The cops are outmanned and outgunned, and the government and army are too corrupt to be useful. So, using the Second Amendment (which is always in capital

letters when you talk militia style), the citizens of the neighborhood are forming a military unit of their own to protect themselves. The militia guys also say, typically, that if the government tries to take their weapons away, they will use them (I assume on said government).

So, you now are forming one of three opinions aboutmilitias: One, they are crazy. Two, they are right. Or three, both. Now, the Amazing Columnist will juggle all three viewpoints simultaneously while singing "Oh, Susanna" underwater. Why? It's called fence sitting. I think all sides have merit. Anyway, here goes nothing.

Militia backers are crazy. You know what you call a group of gun-toting guys from the same neighborhood? A gang. All of these gun nut-types seem so hell bent on saving their "us" from the collective "them" that they have gone over the edge. Paranoia and paramilitary firepower complement each other so well. The last thing this country needs is more people on the street with the ability to kill people in a hurry, and are spoiling

But you know, those militia guys are right. The cops really are having a tough time keeping the peace. The government really is big, slow and ineffecient. The only reason you have

a government in the first place is so that it can provide services for you more effectively than you could do for yourself. If those services (like protection) aren't being met, then you have to take responsibility for providing those services yourself. If the government can't protect you, and won't let you protect yourself, then you have a problem.

There's the pro and con sides of the fence in a nutshell, and while I pick the splinters out of my rear, let me show you the perched-on-the-fence view. Both sides are right. The country's problems are just too intense, and there are just too many people for the government to handle people's needs personally. On the other hand, people today keep showing a notorious lack of respect for one's life and property. Who's to say a group of militia thugs would be any better than a group of

The problem is that militias and violence on the streets are just symptoms of a bigger problem. Not only is home defense

a big deal, but more and more people are doing home medicine, home education, community-based social security, and other functions. In short, people are starting to do for themselves what the government has tried to do, simply because the promises are not being met and some

things just need to be done.

The main problem with militias is one of who is calling the shots. People have the right to defend themselves, but they do not have the right to set up small armies and tiny kingdoms (Mogadishu has plenty of militia groups, and they keep the peace well, don't they?). I own a gun, and if I have to defend myself, I will. But there's no way I am going to join a group and let some guy in a militia tell me when to defend myself and when not to. I don't go looking for trouble, and I get away from

Unfortunately, people who carry weapons on the street get a sense of bravado. They decide they won't back down to anything, no matter how small, and then people get shot for not merging properly. People are so conditioned by TV into seeing someone getting shot as no big deal that they fail to see the consequences of their actions. I am all for people taking care of themselves, instead of letting a bureaucracy do it. But there's a right way and a wrong way to do it, and if you need a TV analogy for it, try this: Taking care of your family is not like being a gunfighter on the "Wild Wild West". It's more like being Charles Ingalls on "Little House on the Prairie."



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College Shows What UNO Offers

Recruitment Day For Engineering

By Mindy Hauptman

The College of Engineering and Technology held an open house March 18 to introduce local high school students to the engineering program at UNO.

The need to increase interest in engineering enrollment, and to show the supfire protection technology, construction engineering and mechanical engineering in airplane design.

Inside the engineering college, there were other areas of interest available for observation and discussion.

Displays included computer-aided manufacturing, a computer-aided punch press, concrete cylinder testing, structural testing, computer network simulations, the microprocessor laboratory, a multimedia presentation, and electrically powered vehicle systems display.

Computer-aided manufacturing is used

The areas of engineering stressed were a repair system, it involves the design and production of micro-systems," said Hamid Sharif, associate professor in the College of Engineering and Technology.

> Much of the technology developed in the engineering college is used and requested by local businesses. The electronic engineers have created a micro-processor system which detects areas of worn rails on the railroad track for railway companies, and a device to measure the temperature of animals at the Henry Doorly Zoo, Sharif said.

> Four-year degrees in civil engineering, construction system technology, industry system technology and electronics technol

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test, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Debbie Kimberlin, of the Learning Center at UNO, said that applicants should contact the school and find out which test, if any, is required. The Learning Center can help by providing sample tests and other preparatory material. The tests are only offered at certain times each year and range in cost, she said, so it is vital to plan ahead.

"Come in and see what we have," she urged students.

Many students don't pursue a master's degree because they feel they can't afford it, Nish said.

"There are ways to finance continuing education without funding the whole amount," she said.

Frakes explained some options, including fellowships, loans and working as a teaching or research assistant.

Fellowship recipients are awarded grant money to pay for tuition, as well as a monthly stipend, she said.

Many students defray tuition costs with loans, such as the Perkins Loan, which is need-based. As a graduate student, you may find it easier to receive financial aid than you did as an undergraduate, said Saltzman.

"Once you're in grad school, you're considered an independent student, so what your parents have no longer figures into your financial standing," she said.

Graduate teaching and research assistants work with faculty members, helping them with special projects, grading papers or teaching classes. They get at least some part, if not all, of their tuition paid, and also receive a monthly stipend, Frakes

Kaczmarek said graduate teaching assistants at UNO usually work about 20 hours a week and receive a \$787 stipend each month, plus full tuition paid.

"One of our biggest problems at UNO is keeping the students here long enough to graduate," —Tom Sires, professor and interim director of Engineering School of Technology

plies and research equipment available in as a "blueprint" of how a structural design the Engineering College at UNO were the main reasons for the open house.

Tom Sires, professor and interim director of the Engineering School of Technology, organized the event in conjunction with the Metro Area Science Fair which was held at Benson High School.

Some students are moving out of state to attend other colleges because of better programs and more scholarship offers, Sires said.

"In order to have a better engineering program at UNO, we need to get more students enrolled in the engineering program. We are losing our local high school kids to out of state colleges. We want to recruit the local school kids into the Nebraska universities," he said.

The open house featured several displays outside such as an airplane, construction equipment, fire trucks and a monkey bridge.

will look in the final process.

The computer will generate a particular design, then transfer the design information into machine language. The computer-aided modeling machine takes the information and carves a small scale example out of a piece of wax-based material, said John Thorpe, chairman of Industrial Systems Technology.

"This area of study is usually used to learn how to produce someone else's design rather than creating original designs. It gives the engineer an idea of what the structure will look like before the final structure is built," Thorpe said.

The micro-processor laboratory, computer network simulations, electrically powered vehicle systems, and the multi-media presentation room were areas of study within electronic engineering technology.

'When you say technology, people think of repairing appliances. Technology is not

ogy engineering are available in the engineering college.

Other major areas of interest such as agricultural engineering, biological engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, and mechanical engineering have preparatory courses available. Postgraduate degrees and doctorates are also available.

"Approximately 99 percent of our students have jobs before they even graduate," Sires said.

"One of our biggest problems at UNO is keeping the students here long enough to graduate. Most of our full-time students have been going to school for over five years," Sharif said.

"We are the best kept secret around," Sires said.

"We are capable of having a high quality, high technology electronic engineering program in Omaha that is responsive to the community and industry," Sharif said.

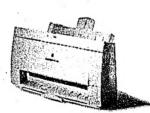






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The Dark Side of the Computer Screen Could Leave It Blank

WASHINGTON (CPS) — Most computer users like the anonymity of the Internet and other online services. They can read things they would never consider flipping through on the bus and can have conversations about topics they would never discuss in public.

At times those messages can convey strong feelings of hatred, or even threats to others. And the person receiving the message may never know if their cyber stalker is sitting at a computer somewhere across the ocean or just down the block.

"There's a dark side to the bright flicker of the computer screen," said Sen. Jim Exon, (D-Neb.). "The explosion of technology also threatens an explosion of misuse."

To help combat that misuse, Exon has proposed the Communications Decency Act of 1995 (Senate Bill 314) to update federal communication laws. If passed, the bill would toughen penalties for anyone who "transmits or otherwise makes available obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent" material with the intention to "annoy, abuse, threaten or harass" another person. If found guilty, offend-

ers could face fines up to \$100,000.

In addition, Exon said service providers should be held responsible for inflammatory messages posted on their service and would be fined severely if found in violation of the law.

"I want to keep the information superhighway from resembling a red-light district," said Exon.

Others say the senator from Nebraska is attempting to censor millions of computer users across the nation.

"Holding the service provider liable for the actions of

users is like holding the CEO of Pacific Bell responsible for the actions of someone who makes obscene phone calls," said Eric Tachibana, online service coordinator for the

Electronic Frontier Foundation. "It's functionally censorship because service providers will not allow any conversations or bulletin boards which are remotely dangerous for them."

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is being joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Democracy and Technology and the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility in its fight against the proposal.

From CCLR, Page 1 with Reps. Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) and Jon Christensen (R-

'CCLR did not pay for Theisen's trip.

"I stated my personal position, the position of the Republican Party," Theisen said. "And I came as a representative of the Republican Party. No student senators had gotten in touch with me about this."

At the last meeting, Sen. Earnest Carter said the senators were left with the impression that if senators wanted to express their concerns, they would have to go through Peterson.

"I don't know about anybody else," Sen. Carter said, "But I got the impression that if I put it down on paper, and give it to him (Peterson) to give to you (Theisen) and it's against the stand he's going to take, it doesn't make a tinker's damn what I put on paper. It's never going to reach you," Sen. Carter said.

That was the meaning several senators got, Carter said.

Theisen responded saying he didn't receive one phone call from any senator regarding the issue, "and as far as I know, no senators contacted any of their constituents about this issue," Theisen said.

Peterson didn't want the senators to blame Theisen for anything he lobbied for in Washington.

"You would hold me responsible for that. Ted is my lobbying director, and the position of my administration is that I am in favor of eliminating federal aid, and some student aid programs, drastically reforming them," Peterson said.

Peterson said his administration is an elected representation of the student body at UNO.

"The position Ted takes is on a personal level and not representative of the student body, or the Student Senate," said Sen. Annette Crowder.

"Did he go as a representative of UNO?" she asked. "And if so, when he did make his statement about his position being of the Republican view, which is personal, he did that also on behalf of a UNO representative. If that's the case, there's misrepresentation."

After the discussion concerning CCLR and its stand, the views of lobbying with the Republicans on the proposed cuts for student financial aid programs went unchanged.



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"I want to keep the information superhighway

'Government Should Leave Net Alone'

By Jonathan Murnane

Senator J.J. Exon has taken affirmative steps in Congress to stop obscenities and indecent communication among those who travel the information superhighway.

Those who use the Internet, or computers in general, may be subject to fines and possible imprisonment if Exon's Communications Decency Act is passed.

The act would set guidelines of \$100,000 fines and two-year prison sentences on those who use computers for obscene or "filthy" communications.

Exon said the federal government has a "responsibility" to impose standards.

Many UNO computer users have surfed the net on a daily basis in the computer rooms.

UNO sophomore Jeff Bisbee said the "punishment is too strict." But Bisbee is not too concerned. He does not feel that the bill will be passed and said that even if it is, "There is no way for them to enforce it."

"I don't want to censor," Exon said in an interview with the Associated Press. "But people should understand that some means of prosecution should be offered."

Many people said the bill would cause problems and is a violation of our freedoms.

R. Morten, UNO senior, said if the bill passes "All will suffer, not just computer users."

Morten said he believes the bill is a form of censorship and it "goes against the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and those freedoms that we base our society on."

Graduate student Gene Chung agreed with him.

"Freedom of speech allows writers to say whatever they want," Chung said, "whether it is right or wrong." Chung also said it would be a small minority of people deciding what is or what is not obscene.

"Who decides what is right or wrong?" Chung said. Exon's bill originated as an amendment to the telecommunications bill that the Senate Commerce Committee drafted last year. That bill did not pass, but Exon brought his plan back on its own this year.

Exon's interest in the Internet and the possible obscenities that occur on it, grew when he realized that children have easy access to it.

Freshman Tara Bitsos said she thinks the government should focus on other areas.

"With all the other crimes and other problems going on, the government should not be wasting their time on censoring the Internet," she said.

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Kass Spends Free Time Wisely

By Susan Tefft Fitzgerald

Julia Kass doesn't need help finding something to do. She finds plenty to do on her own. But her spare time isn't spent at the mall, she spends it with others who need her help.

Kass, a dietetics major, takes 14 credit hours at UNO and works 15 to 20 hours a

week at Gallup Polls. This may sound like any UNO student, but Kass also spends her spare time as a volunteer with the Eastern Nebraska

"I love getting out into the community and helping out in some way." —Julia Kass, UNO student

Office on Aging (ENOA).

She is part of the Time Dollar program, an effort that recruits volunteers to help

Estella Hardy, coordinator of the program, said Julia helps with housekeeping, shopping, errands, lawn maintenance and

"Julia seemed to be so busy," Hardy said. "But she is one of those rare individuals who believes that you can make And an important thing to Julia is reaching out and lending a helping hand to those in need."

Since Oct. 4, Kass spent time each week with a local 72-year-old woman. "Every Tuesday I vacuumed and got her mail, real hard stuff," she said.

"Every week, faithfully, Julia spent a few hours helping out around the house and lending her encouragement to the

be very pleased that she truly made the last

days of the woman's life more pleasant,"

"I love old people," said Kass, who

A volunteer in the Time Dollar program

wants to get her master's degree in geron-

receives one credit for each hour they give,

tology. "They're so cute and thankful."

older relative or neighbor.

"I donate my credits to others who can't volunteer," Kass said.

Kass, an active member of the Student Dietetic Association, heard about the Time Dollar program at a meeting.

Kass is also a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. This year, she is the Chi Omega representative for the Panhellenic Council. She said the Panhellenic Council is the

governing board for UNO's sororities and fraternities.

"We're putting together a raffle as a fund raiser for fall rush," she said.

Kass also volun-

teers at the Clarkson Hospital Nutrition Center during the summer. She helps with menus and surveys.

"I go around to the patients and ask about the food service," she said.

Hardy said the Time Dollar program needs more volunteers like Kass. For more information about the program, call 444-6725.

Kass is eager to start helping someone else through the Time Dollar program.

"I love getting out into the community and helping out in some way," she said.

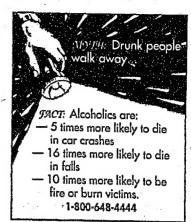


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woman," Hardy said. The woman died two weeks ago. "I know Julia feels the loss, but she can

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Hardy said. The credit hours can be saved for use by the volunteer or donated to an

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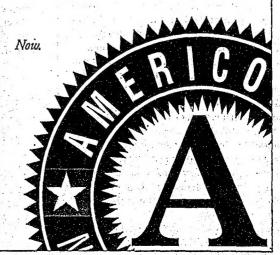
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MED NEWS

Agent Orange: Learning From the Past

Researcher Follows Politics of Warfare

By Brian Wesely

Dr. Harold Fallon, dean of the school of medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, presented "Agent Orange-- Medicine, Health and Politics" at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on March 22.

The seminar was part of Spring Convocation Week and sponsored by Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) for the National Honor Medical Society.

In addition to being an AOA member, Fallon has held many prominent positions in the medical community.

He received his medical degree from Yale, and performed his residency at the University of North Carolina where he was chief resident.

He was chairman of medicine at the Medical College of Virginia for 20 years.

Fallon was a clinical associate at the National Institutes of Health. He has also held past presidencies in the Association of Professors of Medicines, the Association of American Physicians, and the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease. He was the chairman of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Fallon is currently on the Board of Regents for the American College of Physicians and is a Master of the American College of Physicians.

"Agent Orange is an interesting topic. I'm going to talk about something that only two years ago I knew nothing about," Fallon said.

Fallon headed a committee for the Institute of Medicine that researched information about Agent Orange and released, "Veterans of Agent Orange," a 650-page book. The book summarized research from "virtually every federal and state agency," plus several private organizations over the past 15 years. The information he presented came from this book.

"Medicine and politics, if there's any place where they collide, certainly Agent Orange is a paradigm for that," Fallon said.

The committee was asked to focus on three medical issues: the association between herbicides and any human disease, determine if service in Vietnam is linked with any diseases, and determine if there is any plausible biological mechanism linking exposure to these chemicals with the diseases.

"There are a lot of accusations that have gone on for 15 to 20 years in the area of agent orange that one or another government agency kept the facts from the public," Fallon said

He said the political agenda has been different from the medical community's goals.

Politicians show strong guilt toward any Vietnam veteran, partially for visibility and good public relations, Fallon said. They are concerned with the cost of compensation and desire "incontrovertible evidence" prior to initiating a compensation program, he said.

Fallon discussed the history of herbicides, from their development in the early 1900s to their use in warfare and agriculture.

During the Vietnam War, 19 million gallons of herbicides were dumped, including 11.2 million gallons of Agent Orange.

Fallon said it is ironic that the government knows exactly how much Agent Orange was dropped, and where it was dropped, but they don't know how many people served in the war.

The harmful substance in Agent Orange is dioxin, a carcinogen. Effects from exposure to dioxin include: neuralgic, reproductive, and skin disorders, birth defects, Immune Toxicity, and Cancer, Fallon said.

"Ranch Hands," the soldiers who dumped Agent Orange, had the highest exposure to herbicides, Fallon said.

"The investment in this research is perfectly worthwhile if there's some other additional benefit that's going to come out of it," Fallon said. He said the world isn't perfect, and accidents are always going to happen. Studying the effects of Agent Orange will provide knowledge for future use, and knowledge to treat the mistakes of the past, Fallon said.

Laughing the Way To Better Health

By Veronica Burgher

The University of Nebraska Medical Center is hoping laughter will be the best medicine for one of its newest programs.

The Motility Center, which opened last July to treat a group of disorders associated with muscles and nerves in the digestive tract, will receive proceeds from the University Hospital Auxiliary's annual Kaleidoscope fund-raising event April 1.

This year's Kaleidoscope theme is comedy, and "Diagnosis: Laughter" will feature comedian Pam Stone, said Deb Listopad, this year's Kaleidoscope chairwoman.

Stone, recognized for her stand-up routine in comedy clubs around the country, is also known for her role as the women's basketball coach Judy Watkins on the television series, "Coach."

While the event's theme may be comical, the fundraising event will attempt to raise some "serious" cash for the Motility Center, Listopad said.

The center's director, Dr. Eamonn Quigley, said the \$50,000 the event is expected to bring in will provide the center with new and updated equipment.

Improving the standard of equipment is important to the center, Quigley said, because it strives to treat its patients with the latest facilities.

Patients who come to the Motility Center, Quigley said, have problems with swallowing, heartburn, constipation, emptying food from the stomach and other digestive disorders. The center uses a multidisciplinary technique to treat the problems and then diagnose the underlying cause.

"The center was created because there was a need for

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SPORTS

Mays Home With Souvenir Florida Victories

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO softball team won eight of 13 games in Florida over spring break to get back above the .500 level.

The Mavs, ranked 10th in the NCAA Division II, are 12-10 overall after entering the Florida action at 4-5.

UNO will try to add two more wins to its record with a doubleheader against Central Iowa College at Claussen/ Westgate Field today, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Most of UNO's games were at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando with a pair of contests at the Cocoa Expo Games in Cocoa Beach.

UNO finished the Orlando tournament in style Friday as junior pitcher Denise Peterson pitched a six-hit shutout in helping the Mavs beat North Florida, 3-0.

Peterson extended her streak of innings without allowing an earned run to 17 in the North Florida win, which improved her overall record to 4-4.

The Mavs won the contest by scoring three runs in the top of the seventh inning to break a scoreless tie.

Earlier in the day, UNO battled back from a 4-0 deficit against Kutztown State to tie the contest in the second inning, but eventually lost, 6-4.

Thursday was a successful day for the Mavs as they won a pair of games, including one against a team from Massachusetts.

UNO beat Merrimack (Mass.) University, 11-4, then won a close game against Central Missouri, 2-1.

The Mavs trailed early against Merrimack, but scored five runs in the bottom of the third inning to break the game open. In the nightcap, Central Missouri scored a run to tie the game in the bottom of the third before UNO scored in the winning run in the fifth.

Sophomore infielder Holly Voss hit a single scoringsenior outfielder Theresa Tramp, who got on base earlier with a hit, for the deciding run.

On Wednesday, the Mavs beat North Central Conference rival Mankato State before losing to Division I Ohio University.

Sophomore pitcher Tracy Carey was UNO's star against Mankato as she drove in two runs at the plate while giving up just one run on the mound. Sophomore outfielder Jenni Upenieks also contributed by slamming two hits and a run batted in (RBI) as the Mavs rolled, 7-1.

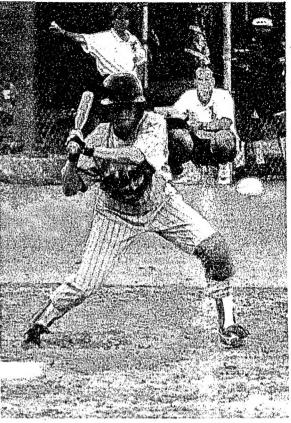
UNO jumped ahead of Ohio early by scoring runs in the first and third innings. Mistakes hurt them later on and Ohio came from behind to win, 3-2. UNO had four errors in the contest, including two in the fifth inning which helped Ohio tie the contest. The Bobcats pushed across a run in the sixth for the clinching score.

The highlight of the Florida trip came last Tuesday at Cocoa games where the Mavs beat Millersville (Pa.) University and East Connecticut State.

Peterson tossed a no-hitter against Millersville as the Mavs rolled to a 6-0 win. Peterson also struck out five batters and Voss had two RBIs on three singles.

In the game against East Connecticut, Carey drove in two runs with a triple in the sixth innning, and Tramp followed with an RBI single to tie the score at 3. Carey, who pitched the victory, added a RBI single in the seventh for the deciding score in the 4-3 win.

Another big win for the Mavs came on March 19 when Peterson tossed a four-inning no-hitter in a 17-0 blowout against Northern Adams State. UNO scored five runs in the first inning and eight more in the third to put the game away easily.



-File Photo

The Mavs return home after spending a working vacation in Florida.

-Dave Mollner

Two fencers were en garde at the fencing tournament at Creighton University.

Fencing Tournament at Creighton Features International Talents

By Tim Rohwer

Some of the world's best fencing teams came to Omaha on March 18 and 19 to compete in a tournament at Creighton University.

Fencers from Sweden, Germany, Canada, France, Turkey, as well as the United States displayed their skills and competed for prizes and trophies at the Omaha Challenge, sponsored by the Omaha Fencing Club.

UNO had six fencers at the event, which was not surprising since the sport is becoming more popular on college campuses, said a member of the UNO Fencing Club. Those six fencers make up only a small portion of the club's membership.

"We have 30 members in our UNO club with about 25 percent of them women," said Lisa Broadway, vice president of the club, which sponsored its own tournament on campus last weekend. "Fencing is a romantic

sport that's more individual oriented. There's a lot of camaraderie with your opponents. You can be vicious on the mat, but afterwards, you shake their hands."

Broadway said fencing features several types of soft-pointed blades with the object to touch the opponent for scoring points.

"The sabre has the thickest blade with a large guard by the hand, while the foil has a smaller blade and guard," Broadway said. "The epee has a medium-size blade with a large guard."

Protective clothing is worn to prevent injuries.

"There's nothing serious, maybe a few bruises," Broadway said.

The sport offers benefits for everyday life, she said.

"Fencing teaches coordination, balance, quick thinking and releases tension after a

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Mavs Hoping for Better Break After Spring Break

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO baseball team returned home Sunday from a spring break trip to Joplin, Mo., sporting an 8-6 overall record.

The Mavs took part in the LeRoy Wilson Baseball Classic, which featured some of the best teams in the NCAA Division II.

One of those teams was the University of Missouri-St. Louis, ranked No. 22 in the nation, which beat the Mavs, 4-3, on Friday.

That game ended UNO's trip after the scheduled finale against Northern Colorado on Saturday was rained out.

UNO Coach Bob Gates said the trip was important for the development of the team as the North Central Conference (NCC) season approaches.

"I was pleased overall. Even though we won three and lost five, we beat some good teams and almost beat some other good teams. Most importantly, we found out a lot about our players," he said. "We found who are better pitchers are and who is playing better at the different positions. That's important as we get ready for the conference season."

Against St. Louis, the Mavs overcame a two-run deficit by scoring three times in the top of the fourth inning, but the Missouri squad scored twice in its fourth and hung on for the win.

Earlier in the day, UNO blasted Minnesota-Morris, 7-2, as freshman Cedric Welch and senior Joe Daneff each drove in two runs.

On Thursday, the nation's No. 2 team, Missouri Southern, took on the Mavs and came away with a 7-3 victory. Southern smashed 11 hits, including a homer and a triple. Senior catcher/infielder Tim Hallett had UNO's only extra-base hit with a double.

One of the wildest games in the tournament took place Wednesday when the Mavs came from behind to beat Fort Hays State, 12-10. Freshman outfielder Brian Kudym hit a grand-slam homer in the bottom of the eighth

inning for the winning blow. It was his first collegiate home run. Kudym also drove in a run with a single in the first as the Mavs scored four times to take an early lead. Fort Hays, came back to tie the score and then took a 10-6 lead in the top of the eighth before Kudym's heroics. Daneff also had a homer in the contest. The victory was especially sweet since Fort Hays blasted UNO, 18-0, earlier in the tournament.

"It must have been a pitch he liked," Gates said of Kudym's game-winning homer. "He was really excited, as well as the whole team. They all came out to the plate and congratulated him. That was a good win to come back and beat them and they beat us 18-0 earlier."

Despite that explosive power, the Mavs had trouble connecting in Thursday's second game against Missouri Southern. UNO had just five hits and crossed the plate only once in a 12-1 disaster.

The Mavs had another wild game when they scored 15 runs against Central Missouri last Tuesday, but couldn't pull it out as the Missouri squad won, 19-15. Seniors Mike Sullivan and Dave Vallinch each had a threerun homer to pace the UNO hitters, while Daneff and sophomore outfielder Greg Geary also homered in the losing effort.

"The weather was beautiful down there in Joplin, but the winds were really strong, especially during those 12-10 and 19-15 games," Gates said, "It seemed like if you hit the ball in the air, it was gone."

Geary also smashed a grand slam against Northern Colorado the previous day as the Mavs rolled to an 11-8 victory. Junior righthander Troy Charf was the winning pitcher.

"We need to improve on somethings, mostly our hitting, pitching and fielding, but I was really pleased with our effort," Gates said. "No one stood out. It was more of a team effort."

The Mavs next home doubleheader is Wednesday when they play Wayne State, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at College World Series Park.

UNO Blood Drive Gives Gift of Life

Football Team Out For More Than Wins

By Tim Rohwer

Making tackles and scoring points in spring practice are not the only things the UNO football players have been concerned with recently. Helping their fellow Midlanders has also been on their minds.

Several weeks ago, many of the players donated their time during Celebrate Literacy Weekend, a promotion to help more people learn to read.

On Wednesday, March 15, the team sponsored a blood drive in the UNO Fieldhouse.

"This is one way to give something back to the community and we have a responsibility to do that," said Coach Pat Behrns.

Beth Chapman, blood services consultant for the American Red Cross in Omaha, said, "The football team did an outstanding job of recruiting with over 200 committments to this drive."

About 90 units of blood was collected from the event, she said.

"We had some no-shows for this drive and the nice weather had something to do with it. There are no-shows, though, all the time." Chapman said, adding that there are some popular excuses why more people don't give blood.

"They'll say they're on medication, or they're anemic or they're too busy," she said.

Most medications, including those for high blood pressure, are not cause for permanent deferral, Chapman said. For people who may be anemic, a blood test is taken before each donation. If the red cell count is too low, the donors will be temporarily deferred for their own protection, but that doesn't mean they can't donate again.

She also said donating blood takes only an hour at a time.

"We also hear the excuse that they're O-positive (the most common blood type), so they think they don't have to give it because we may have a lot. But most people really



-Scott Kemper

A blood donor waits patiently as a she readies to donate blood at the Blood Drive.

need this blood," Chapman said. "We need to make people think it's important because they will take the time to do something if it is important. Besides, every person is a potential user."

The fear of catching AIDS is another misconception people have about giving blood, she said.

"It's impossible to get AIDS from giving blood. All needles are used once and then disposed of," Chapman said.

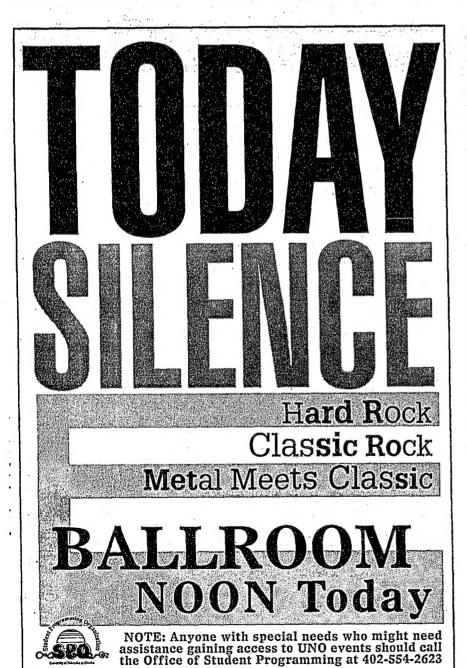
Simple precautions before giving blood would also erase the fear of feeling ill afterward, she said.

"If you eat a large meal before giving blood, as well as getting a good night sleep the night before, you should not have any problem," Chapman said.

A person can also give blood up to six times a year without any harmful effects, she said.

"It takes about six weeks for the red blood cells to replace themselves, though we usually allow eight weeks to be on the safe side. That comes out to about six times a year a person can give blood," Chapman said.

For more information about giving blood, call the Omaha office of the American Red Cross at 341-2723.





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Mavs Sport Stars Honored for Work

Three UNO women's basketball players and two wrestlers have been honored for scoring a lot of points in their academic fields.

The three basketball players, Linda Roh, Michelle Spetman and Amy Loth, were named last Monday to the 1994-95 women's academic All-North Central Conference first team.

Roh, a junior from Omaha Westside, has a 3.75 grade-point average (GPA) in secondary education. Spetman, a junior from Harlan, Iowa, is a pre-medicine major with a 3.86 GPA. Loth, a sophomore from Lincoln High, is a criminal justice major with a 3.97 GPA.

Two other Mavs, Shonna Tryon and Stacie Kaiser, earned honorable mention.

The two wrestlers, Pat Kelley III and John Colling, were named last Monday to the allacademic teams of the Wrestling Coaches Association.

Kelley, a sophomore from Cody, Wyo., earned first-team honors with a 3.57 GPA in mathematics. Colling, a freshman from Upton, Wyo., was named to the second-team. He has a 3.79 GPA in pre-medicine.

UNO to Play Northern Iowa

The University of Northern Iowa, an NCAA Division I-AA school, highlights the future UNO football schedules released last week.

Northern Iowa, a member of the Gateway Conference, will host the Mavs to open the 1996 season.

UNO will also continue its in-state rivalry with the University of Nebraska at Kearney over the next three years.

The Mavs open the 1995 season at home on Sept. 2 against Wayne State.

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1995 Schedule

Sept. 2 Wayne State

Sept. 9 at Nebraska-Kearney

Sept. 16 at Mankato State

Sept. 23 North Dakota State

Sept. 30 at Morningside

Oct. 7 North Dakota

Oct. 14 at Northern Colorado

Oct. 21 Augustana

Oct. 28 at St. Cloud State

Nov. 4 at South Dakota State

Nov. 11 South Dakota

1996 Schedule

Sept. 7 at Northern Iowa

Sept. 14. Nebraska-Kearney

Sept. 21 Mankato State

Sept. 28 at North Dakota State

Oct. 5 Morningside

Oct. 12 at North Dakota

Oct. 19 Northern Colorado

Oct. 26 at Augustana

Nov. 2 St. Cloud State

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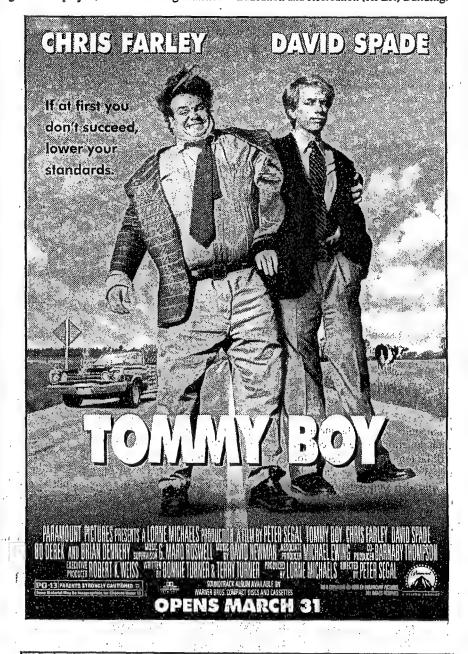
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hard day," said Broadway, a sophomore majoring in business.

The 1996 Summer Olympics should make fencing more popular to the public, she said.

"A lot of people aren't aware of it now, but they should know more of it when the '96 games are played, because the big matches are usually televised," Broadway said. "Did you know, fencing is one of just four sports that have been played in every Olympic games since the beginning in Athens."

Anyone interested in joining the club should sign up in Room 100 in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Building.



The UNO Publications Committee is now accepting applications for the position of

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The editor formulates own guidelines for the twice-weekly publication of the Gateway, including content and design. The editor also hires and budgets editorial support staff.

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Applications available at the Gateway office, Annex 26 and must be returned by 3p.m. Friday, March 31st. Interviews are tentatively set for Saturday, April 8th.

For more information, contact Carol Buffington at 554-2470.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Honors Week

April 2 - 7, 1995

The University of Nebraska at Omaha celebrates the scholarship and academic achievements of outstanding faculty and students April 2 - 7.

Their accomplishments reflect well upon the University and continue to set the pace for others to follow.

The University Honors and Awards Committee congratulates all award recipients and invites the University community to join in the activities and events scheduled in their honor.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 2

Student Honors Convocation
Strauss Performing Arts Center
Recital Hall
1:30 p.m.

Honoring the recipients of:
Vice Chancellor's Outstanding Leadership Award
Vice Chancellor's Award
Deans' Awards
Undergraduate Major Honorees by College
Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award
Helen Hansen Graduate Award

(Reception following)

Tuesday, April 4

Dean's List Luncheon
College of Public Affairs and Community Service
W. H. Thompson Alumni Center
Club Room
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Recognition Luncheon
Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women
Annual Luncheon

W. H. Thompson Alumni Center Bootstrapper Hall Noon

Outstanding Faculty Reception College of Continuing Studies UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center Room 114 3:00 p.m.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Initiation and Reception College of Continuing Studies UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center Room 100 5:30 p.m.

Spring Induction Banquet
UNO Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa
Milo Bail Student Center
Ballroom
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Distinguished Alumni Luncheon
College of Education
W. H. Thompson Alumni Center
Bootstrapper Hall
Noon

Honors Reception College of Fine Arts Fine Arts Building Art Gallery 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Student Honors Lunch and Symposium
Strauss Performing Arts Center
Commons Area
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Student Honors Theses Presentations
Strauss Performing Arts Center
Recital Hall
12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Freshman Academic Honoraries Induction Breakfast
Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma
Milo Bail Student Center
Dodge Room
7:45 a.m.

Honoring the recipient of the Alpha Lambda Delta Book Award

Superintendent's Luncheon College of Education Milo Bail Student Center Omaha Room 11:45 a.m. **Faculty Honors Convocation**

Speaker: Dr. David R. Powers
Executive Director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission
for Postsecondary Education
W. H. Thompson Alumni Center
Bootstrapper Hall
2:30 p.m.

Honoring the recipients of:
UNO Excellence in Teaching Award
UNO Distinguished Research and Creativity Award
Named Professorships
University-Wide Departmental Teaching Award
(Reception following)

Greek Awards Banquet

Speaker: David Sokol CEO, California Energy W. H. Thompson Alumni Center Bootstrapper Hall 6:30 p.m.

Other Honors Activities by Various Colleges and Honor Societies.

Check with your Dean's office.

Following are activities not taking place during Honors Week.

Thursday, March 30
Honors and Awards/Beta Gamma Sigma
Induction Ceremony
College of Business Administration
W. H. Thompson Alumni Center
Bootstrapper Hall
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18
Omicron Delta Kappa Alumni Breakfast
Milo Bail Student Center
Dodge Room
7:30 a.m.



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'April 15 Not Such A Taxing Time'

(CPS) While most college students take the EZ way out when filing their income taxes, others are viewing tax season as a way to hone the skills they'll be using for years to come.

For the second year in a row, 22-year-old Paul Gregory has been spending his springtime Saturdays filling out income tax forms for local residents. Part of Baldwin-Wallace College's corps of accounting majors who serve as tax volunteers, Gregory says he appreciates the chance to get some experience in the field.

"This lets you see the real world of taxes instead of from a book perspective," says Gregory, who's studying to be a CPA. "You usually just read about this stuff. It's a whole new ballgame when you actually do it."

Professor Joe Kaderabeck runs Baldwin-Wallace's free tax clinic, which has been in place for nearly 30 years. "It's so much different than the classroom," Kaderabeck says. "Not only are the students applying what they've learned, but they have to help educate these people who come in because they have such a limited understanding of what their taxes and tax forms

Kaderabeck says that the school starts advertising the clinic, which is held on Berea, Ohio, campus, a few weeks before the event. Residents come from throughout Ohio, looking for answers and, hopefully, a refund. "This guy came to us thinking he owed \$3,000, and one of my students discovered that he actually had money coming to him.'

Often, people come to the clinic with nothing more than their W-2's and income tax forms.

"Then they tell us about some stocks they sold or about their IRA," Kaderabeck says. "We have to tell them to come back with the appropriate paperwork. Some of them just don't realize everything that goes into their own personal financial situation.'

Each year, from early February to mid-April, accounting majors at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia volunteer to help local senior citizens fill out their returns at locations throughout the city.

Professor Richard Sherman, head of the accounting department, says the service can be extremely valuable to many Philadelphians. "These aren't people who have big taxes, but the assistance they receive is really helpful." says Sherman. "Just about all of the senior citizens we serve qualify for tax forgiveness from the state of Pennsylvania, but I don't know if many of them would pick up on that on their own."

JoEll Guglielmelli, a senior at St. Joe's, says the opportunity to work with others guided her decision to sign up for the tax program for the second straight year.

"You're dealing with real people, so it's totally different from the problems you work on in class," Guglielmelli says. "You're sitting there jumbling these numbers, and there's this person across the desk who wants to tell you their entire life story. They're so happy to see someone take an interest in their lives."

KVNO Races Clock Before Cuts

By Derek Kowal

The spring membership campaign for radio station KVNO takes on an added urgency this year.

With public broadcasting stations facing possible cuts in funding from the federal government, many are scrambling to raise donations before cuts occur.

"Whether listeners agree or disagree that the federal government should support public broadcasting financially, if they value the service, we need their financial support to ensure the continued strength of KVNO," said Debbi Aliano, KVNO director of development.

The station is using many different approaches in their spring fund drive this year. Members who have made past donations will receive pledge cards to encourage them to continue to donate.

The on-air membership campaign is also back this year. Highlights include special guests, ticket giveaways, and music incentives for those who pledge \$25 or more.

KVNO is in the charter year of its Dollar-A-Day Club for those pledging at the \$365 level. Membership in this group now stands at 29.

The club began when a listener called KVNO and pledged a dollar for each day of the year. He said he received that much enjoyment out of it, and that's what it was worth to him.

Despite these efforts, KVNO Station Manager Howard

Lowe said there is much work ahead.

"We would have to raise that much money anyway," Lowe

He said KVNO will receive \$70,000 next year from the government, but the cuts could be as much as 15 percent.

"We're willing to do our fair share," said Lowe. Now, Lowe and KVNO will have to wait until early April when the Senate

Other stations in Omaha also expressed concern for the vote on funding.

Wil Perry, station manager at radio station KIOS, felt the outcome was unsure.

"We're entering a new era here with federal funding as unclear as it is, and we have to be ready."

KIOS is not offering premiums and incentives for its fundraiser as it has in the past, but is instead focusing its attention

on the programming. KVNO has also strengthened its programming. Aliano said some live evening performances have been added to the program menu.

'KVNO is a tremendous community asset. It performs a service function on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The classical music service and arts information is unduplicated in the community."

KVNO expressed gratitude to UNO faculty, staff and students for being tremendous supporters and said it couldn't

Students Protest Financial Aid Cuts

an effort to help convince Congress to spare the ax when it comes to federal funding for higher education.

Numerous student groups are planning a National Day of Campus Action Against the Contract with America for Wednesday, March 29.

"We want to send a message that the Contract with America is a program for social under-development," said Jeremy Smith, spokesperson for the University Conversion Project, which is organizing the event. "We're building a coalition to let people know these are programs that are sacred to our future."

More than 100 campuses across the nation will be holding demonstrations to exhibit student support for education. "We must make it clear that if these measures are enacted, it will be without our consent," said a statement from the UCP. "A contract we never signed is not a Contract with America, it is a Contract on America."

Sarah Lund, a junior at Kent State University and spokesperson for the Student Action Coalition, said the GOP's actions have awakened the activist in many college students.

'This is something that is hitting a lot of the middle-of-theroad people," Lund said. "Joe Schmo student is finally finding out that the government is doing something that will hurt him, and he's decided to do something about it."

The federal government currently provides more than 75 percent of all student aid, spending \$31 billion on work-study programs, grants and loans alone last year.

In January, the Alliance to Save Student Aid polled 1,000 adults to gauge their opinion of student aid. They found that nearly 90 percent of those surveyed favored, at the very least, maintaining student aid as it stands today. The ASSA said the

(CPS) College students across the nation are mobilizing in support was comparable in most demographic groups, including among Democrats and Republicans.

> Though the legislative proposals vary from slight reductions in student aid to the complete elimination of student loans altogether. House Republican officials are seeking to decrease funding for higher education in part to help fund a \$190 billion middle-class tax break and balance the federal

> Republican lawmakers have suggested that the elimination of the interest subsidy on student loans would save \$8 billion

> Presently, the federal government covers the interest owed on student loans while students are still in college.

> Students who take out the full amount they are eligible for under the Family Education Loan Program now owe \$17,125 after graduation. That amount would increase to \$20,532 if the interest subsidy were eliminated. Students continuing on to two years of graduate school would see their loan debt grow from \$34,125 to \$43,292.

> Kevin Bayer, the director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, said while the federal government will save money initially by eliminating interest subsidies, the long-term costs could be much higher.

> "You can't increase the price of a student loan without decreasing the number of people who use them," said Bayer. "Students will be switching to programs they may not be that interested in to save money, taking longer breaks from school to pay their tuition or giving up on the idea of a bachelor's. master's or Ph.D altogether. The ultimate effect will be a reduction in the amount of people who are trained in certain

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Sac State Student Sues **Over Lecture**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CPS) — Craig Rogers went to his Psychology 100 class at Sacramento State University earlier this month expecting the usual Freudian fare.

But the 33-year-old father of two said what he saw and heard during the hourlong lecture made him "want to vomit."

Guest lecturer Joanne Marrow, a professor of human sexuality at Sac State, discussed masturbation tips, sex toys and female genitalia with the psych class, illustrating her points with a slide show.

And while the material may have caused some students to blush, it prompted Rogers to file a \$2.5 million sexual harassment complaint against the school.

Rogers contends that Marrow violated Sac State's policy banning speech that creates a "hostile, offensive or otherwise adverse environment." During the lecture, the professor made jokes about male genitals and offered personal anecdotes about masturbation options. Rogers also said he took offense at slides comparing the genitalia of women who had children with those who had not.

Marrow, a lesbian and tenured professor of psychology with 20 years experience, has no comment on the complaint. School officials said, however, that this is the first complaint brought against the professor, who wrote the book, "Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence.'

John Poswall, Marrow's attorney, said the complaint from Rogers is an "attempt to take sexuality out of the classroom and put it back into the closet."

Marrow is one of a number of guest lecturers that Professor William Westbrook uses to present different topics in his Sychology 100 courses, explained Ann Reed, spokesperson or Sacramento State. Marrow had given the guest lectures before and had warned students beforehand that the material would be graphic and offensive to some, she added.

California's Board of Control, which determines if complaints have enough evidence for a lawsuit, will rule April 25 on the matter.

Yale Donor Takes Money Back

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Donor Les Bass says four years should be more than enough time for Yale University officials to spend his \$20 million.

The billionaire alumnus has decided to withdraw his gift after Yale administrators failed to create a Western Civilization course—a stipulation of Bass's 1991 donation.

After some last-minute academic proposals failed to garnish the Texas oilman's support, Yale announced it agreed to give the \$20 million back and stated that university officials could not accept conditions placed upon the gift.

Bass, who graduated from Yale in 1979, donated the money with instructions to introduce new courses on Western European writers, philosophers and other historical figures. After meeting with Yale officials, Bass agreed to allot the \$20 million for the hiring of seven full-time professors and four assistant professors, who would teach Western civilization courses to sophomores.

But professors were never hired, and the courses were never launched. In explaining the delay, Yale spokesperson Gary Fryer says plans for the classes were held up by procedural moves. He says the hiring of the new professors had to be balanced against a hiring freeze imposed by Yale President Richard Levin, who is working to eliminate a \$12 million deficit within five years.

Others, however, say the courses were never fully developed because disputes arose over their political correctness. and the money was being used for other expenses.

"There were serious behind-the-scenes efforts to co-opt the money for liberal causes," wrote Pat Collins in "Light and Truth," a Yale journal published by conservative students.

·Yale officials, however, say the dealbreaker came down to differences in opinions over hiring procedures.

In a released statement, Levin said that Bass, whose family has donated more than \$80 million to Yale, wanted final approval of the hiring of the new professors, a requirement Yale doesn't accept from donors.

Mississippi Ordered to **Enhance Black Colleges**

OXFORD, Miss. (CPS) - After 20 years of litigation, the state of Mississippi has been ordered to spend \$30 million to enhance its historically black colleges, a federal judge ruled

A lawsuit was originally filed in 1975 by Jake Ayers on behalf of his son and several other students. With the backing of the U.S. Justice Department, Ayers said he hoped to force Mississippi officials to comply with desegregation legislation by providing adequate financial backing for the state's black colleges. The case finally went to trial in 1987, two years after

That year, a Mississippi District Court ruled that state officials already had done enough to comply with the desegregation laws. But on an appeal in 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court disagreed, overruling the Mississippi court and instructing the state to create a financially balanced system.

In response to the order, state officials decided to close Mississippi Valley State, one of the state's three historically black colleges, and to send the students to Delta State, one of Mississippi's historically white schools.

But U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers halted that action last week, ruling that while MVSU may be closed for financial or other reasons, it cannot be shut down in an effort to end segregation.

Biggers told state officials to create a standard set of admissions requirements for all state schools, as opposed to the ones now in place, in which historically white colleges have more stringent requirements than their historically black counterparts.

The ruling also stipulates the creation of graduate and doctoral programs at Jackson State and Alcorn State, as well as endowments to help attract white students to the state's black colleges.

Hurricanes Cancel Play With Marlins

MIAMI (CPS) — The University of Miami Hurricanes cancelled an exhibition baseball game against the Florida Marlins, saying it would be inappropriate to play with the Major League team in light of the 7-month-old strike.

"We support Major League Baseball and the Florida Marlins, but we feel with the work stoppage that it's better for our players not to be involved in this game," said Miami head coach Jim Morris. "The strike is not beneficial to the game of baseball, therefore we would rather not be associated with it."

Marlins General Manager Dave Dombrowski said he was disappointed with the Hurricanes' decision. "We regret that the game with Miami will not be played," he said, "but we understand their concerns regarding the ongoing labor situa-

The game would have been the Florida Marlins second annual exhibition against a Florida university. Last year, the Marlins hosted Florida State University at their Space Coast Stadium, which also was to be the site of this year's game.

College Drops Plans To Honor Thatcher

BOSTON (CPS) - Boston College has dropped plans to bestow former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with the college's highest honors in May after protests from a group of Irish-Americans.

School officials, however, say they may still recognize Thatcher for the "creation of a powerful legacy as Britain's first women prime minister."

Boston College spokesperson Doug Whiting said the decision to cancel the ceremony honoring the former prime minister with the college's Ignatius Medal was based on Thatcher's unavailability on the scheduled ceremony date not on political reasons.

Still, the decision came as welcome news to Irish-American protesters, who were outraged that one of the most influential Catholic institutions in the nation would honor Thatcher on May 5, the 14th anniversary of the death of IRA activist Bobby Sands.

Sands and 10 other IRA prisoners died in 1981 while on a hunger strike in Northern Ireland after Thatcher refused to grant political status to the IRA.

"The award is not just an insult to Americans of Irish heritage but also a betrayal of the special bond between Boston College and Irish Americans," said a letter to school officials from Irish American leaders. "Margaret Thatcher is a symbol of oppression in Northern Ireland."

Others joining the protest were New York's Cardinal John O'Connor, Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.), and Ethel Kennedy, widow of Robert Kennedy.

Although Whiting acknowledged that the May 5 date has been cancelled, he said the school may still honor Thatcher. with the Ignatius Medal or possibly an honorary degree.

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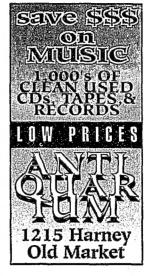


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Start Talking or Start Walking, States Advise

(CPS) The saying for professors used to be "publish or perish," but if state legislators have their way, it may be "teach or take a hike."

Over the last few years, as state budgets face increasing constraints and undergraduates complain of overcrowding and tuition hikes, faculty productivity has come under scrutiny. As a result, many legislators are demanding professors spend more time in the

States provide more than \$40 billion annually to higher education. Understandably legislators feel they have the right to ask universities for the same accountability as they do other programs that receive funding. So in several states, they have initiated studies to examine how professors spend their time. And in the minds of many legislators, professors just aren't making the grade.

For example, Ohio recently mandated that state-funded universities must increase classroom teaching by 10 percent. This is a watered-down version of a 1991 bill, which linked faculty salaries to the number of credit hours taught.

In Florida, full-time faculty who are paid entirely from state funds must teach at least 12 "contact" hours per week.

Such measures have led universities to take the initiative to analyze themselves. Penn State, the Universities of California, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and others have done extensive surveys of faculty productivity.

"In states where budgets have been hard hit, faculty are feeling a lot of pressure," says Andrea Wilger, assistant director of the Stanford Institute for Higher Education. "Class size has grown; there are constrained resources, etc.

"Of course, they are also concerned about how they are portrayed; that faculty have lots of free time, have an easy life . . .

Well before you start thinking, "I knew it, after class he hands our papers to the grading assistant and heads to the golf course," guess again.

Most professors average a 54-hour work week. Some critics question these numbers, claiming they are self-reported. But dozens of studies by universities, state governments, institutional researchers and federal agencies. using different methods, consistently arrive at the same results.

'We are seeing 50 to 56 hours per week in the workplace," says Michael Dooris, research associate of Penn State's Office of Undergraduate Education, referring to his university's survey of 1,400 faculty. "This is consistent with other professionals, such as lawyers and physicians."

Findings by the Stanford Institute's study of 19 institutions show similar workloads. "Overall, we found faculty are very, very hardworking," says Wilger. "But they all do place a heavy emphasis on the importance of

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their own research. It is not that they aren't, and top students. In fact, universities often working hard, but what they are choosing to spend their time on."

At larger state universities and well-endowed private colleges, faculty typically teach a maximum of two courses per term. But "teaching" is more than class hours. It also includes class preparation, grading, student advising, independent studies and graduate thesis supervision.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, faculty spend the most time in the classroom at community colleges, liberal arts colleges and other private colleges (roughly 60 to 70 percent of their worktime). The percentage dips to around 40 percent at research institutions.

That brings up the old conflict of research versus teaching.

On one side of the issue are people such as Ohio legislator Wayne Jones, who helped sponsor the bill which mandates faculty increase classroom time in his state. In a press conference, he told about a University of Akron professor, who in addition to his state salary, received a \$50,000 grant to study 12th century Italian marble. Such outlandish expenditures, he said, do nothing to improve the education of students.

But Dooris thinks this example is not representative of the big picture.

"People think a lot of research is not very important, when actually research has led to the birth of super conductivity, stannous fluoride, polio vaccines, synthetic rubber . . . all have come directly out of research and research universities," she says. "Somebody studying Italian marble is not a fair critique of what goes on."

Dooris says there also is some misunderstanding of how funding works. "Some people wanted to know how to justify giving these large research grants to faculty who are already being paid. But this is not in addition to your salary. If this is a \$50,000 grant, it buys out part of his teaching time; it is not added on to salaries.'

Usually, when a large grant is awarded, a portion of the money goes to the university to pay for that professor's time. The university then uses this money to replace the professor in the classroom for that period, often through a visiting faculty member. The rest of the grant money goes toward the cost of the research, such as materials, support staff, transportation, etc. Occasionally the professor receives a small stipend above his normal sal-

What research and publishing do provide faculty is national recognition in the form of grants, top job offers and opportunities to work with the brightest graduate students. It also ensures tenure—or lifetime job security.

And for the universities, it's the great researchers, not the great teachers, who attract research dollars, major corporate endowments

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offer reduced teaching loads as an incentive to lure top faculty from competing institutions.

So unless a professor really botches up on student evaluations, her effectiveness as a teacher may have only minimal impact on: career fortunes. Afterall, research and publications are judged by the best and brightest in the field. Teaching is judged by novices—the undergrad.

This point was emphasized in a survey at the University of California where 97 percent of faculty believe being a teacher is very important, but only 7 percent felt faculty were rewarded for good teaching.

Jon Solomon, an associate professor in the University of Arizona Classics Department and a popular teacher on campus, says his career is an example of how good teaching is not rewarded. Despite the fact that Solomon has won numerous awards at UA, he repeatedly has been denied tenure.

"I have been an associate professor here 12 years, taught more than 10,000 students, won eight teaching awards, developed high-tech course materials and wrote a book about public university education," wrote Solomon recently in an editorial to "The Daily Wildcat." "For all that and my other 50 publications, my promotion and two appeals were denied. When I appealed to the president, in essence, challenging him to promote me on the basis of my teaching record, his reply was 'after you write another book. . .' This message here is the reality: teaching does not count.'

Solomon says when university administrations consistently reward research and deemphasize teaching, students are suffer.

"We need widespread, inspirational, effective teaching," Solomon continued. "We need to offer scintillating survey and introductory courses. And we need to train all our graduate teaching assistants to be the excellent teachers of the future. Then and only then will students walk across the Mall discussing what they learned in their last class rather than how boring it was or how unconcerned they are that they skipped it."

Let's face it-great teaching brings more intrinsic awards. The reward a professor gets for being a good teacher is a heavier course load, because she attracts more students. Then in addition to teaching and research, professors also must spend time involved in university service. Depending on the university, participation in governance committees, departmental meetings, search committees, etc., is required.

Still, Solomon and other professors agree research is essential at a university. Faculty say they feel that research makes them better teachers by bringing new information and the excitement of discovery back to the class-

Of course, everyone knows there are "deadwood" professors out there, resting on their

tenure. Professors have a tremendous amount of leeway about how they schedule their time and sometimes this leads to abuses. For example, a faculty member might juggle a schedule so she only has to be on campus three days a week, irregardless of students' needs.

According to Stanford Institute's report, faculty are concerned about how the "deadwood" affect higher education's image. The deadwood problem comes from a campus culture that values independence and grants tenure. One professor was quoted as saying, "We have people who can take advantage of the system. They get to a point where they don't publish; they don't care about teaching-they're tenured."

But most faculty agree that deadwoods are the minority. The majority of professors are in high gear, driven by the "publish or perish" doctrine that is nurtured by administrations across the nation.

That may mean before professors can be asked to change, the system has to change. And rather than have reforms legislated from the statehouse, most universities would prefer to do this themselves, thank you.

"We prefer to solve it ourselves rather than have solutions from outside," says Dooris, adding that Penn State plans to require it departments to have workload policies. Under the new policy, each department must develop definitions of excellence for teaching, research and service. "Departments then will be rewarded (in budget considerations) on how well they achieve these goals."

Dooris feels Ohio's 10 percent solution is "silly law."

"It's the equivalent of telling painters they have to use 10 percent more time to paint. I'm not sure it will improve quality, and it's impossible to document."

Even Ohio legislator Jones said that the state was just trying to send the message that teachers are needed in the classroom.

But faculty cannot be expected to spend more time on teaching until the way they are evaluated is altered, say professors.

Solomon, who has authored "Up the University: Re-creating Higher Education in America," has suggested that universities need to make teaching a priority by hiring a round of proven teacher/scholars, by recognizing superior teachers and by establishing a reward system to make each member of the teaching faculty feel challenged to excel in teaching.

Ernest Boyer, author of "Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professorate," says that research could even include different categories, allowing for studies of things such as effective teaching methods. This would direct some scholarship at teaching, instead of away from it.

No matter the method, the fact is getting teachers back into the classroom is a complex assignment. But it is becoming one that universities are expected to pass.



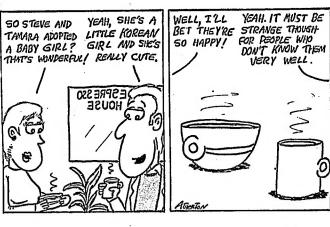
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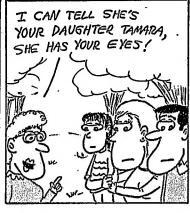
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